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1. INTRO AND SUMMARY. A STUNNING CHRISTIAN SOCIAL UNION VICTORY IN MUNICH, HERETOFORE AN SPD STRONGHOLD, CAPPED A SERIES OF CSU GAINS THROUGHOUT BAVARIA IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS HELD HERE MARCH 5. CSU LEADERS ARE POINTING TO THE MOMENTUM WHICH THE MUNICH ELECTION WILL GIVE CSU IN OCTOBER LANDTAG ELECTIONS AS WELL AS FURTHER IMPETUS IT WILL GIVE CDU/CSU EFFORT TO SEIZE POWER IN BONN IN 1980. END SUMMARY.

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(A) LORD MAYOR. CSU CANDIDATE ERICH KIESL WON 51.4 PERCENT OF THE VOTES CAST, A 13.8 PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE CSU PERFORMANCE IN THE 1972 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. SPD CANDIDATE MAX VON HECKEL GOT 39.2 PERCENT, 16.5 PERCENT LESS THAN INCUMBENT SPD LORD MAYOR KRONAWITTER WON IN 1972. THE VOTE PERCENTAGES OF THE OTHER CANDIDATES WERE: FDP 5.3 PERCENT (UP 2.1 PERCENT); SOCIAL CITY HALL BLOCK

2.6 PERCENT; ALL OTHERS 1.5 PERCENT (APPROX).

(B) CITY COUNCIL. GIVEN THE INTRICACY OF THE CITY COUNCIL BALLOT, TABULATION OF THE FINAL RESULTS WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE COMPLETED FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS. JUDGING FROM PRELIMINARY RESULTS, CONGEN CONCLUDES THAT CSU WILL OBTAIN A NARROW MAJORITY OF THE 80 CITY COUNCIL SEATS.

3. OTHER LORD MAYOR ELECTIONS. INCUMBENT SPD LORD MAYORS WERE REELECTED IN AUGSBURG AND WUERZBURG, AS EXPECTED. CSU WON UPSET VICTORY IN REGENSBURG WHERE SPD CANDIDATE HAD BEEN A NARROW FAVORITE. IN COBURG, A CITY NEAR GDR BORDER WHERE SPD HAS BEEN RENT BY LEFT-RIGHT CONFLICT, CSU CANDIDATE WON 60 PERCENT OF VOTE.

4. NUERNBERG CITY COUNCIL. CSU MADE SURPRISING GAINS IN BUERNBERG, BAVARIA'S SECOND LARGEST CITY, WHERE THE SPD APPARENTLY LOST ITS ABSOLUTE MAJORITY (BUT RETAINED A PLURALITY) IN THE 70-SEAT CITY COUNCIL. FINAL RESULTS ARE EXPECTED IN A DAY OR SO. NUERNBERG DOES NOT REPEAT NOT ELECT A LORD MAYOR UNTIL 1981.

5. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. CSU CANDIDATES AND CANDIDATES ENDORSED BY CSU WON 55 OF THE 66 COUNTY COMMISSIONER (LANDRAETE) CONTESTS. THE SPD WON SEVEN, THE FDP ONE AND THREE WENT TO NON-PARTISAN CANDIDATES. THE COM-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARABLE FIGURES FROM THE 1972 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WERE: CSU CANDIDATES 47; SPD TEN AND FDP ONE.

6. COMMENT. CSU VICTORY IN MUNICH SPELLS END OF 30 YEARS OF SPD DOMINATION OF CITY'S POLITICAL LIFE. ALTHOUGH CSU MOUNTED TOP-FLIGHT PROFESSIONAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN, THE LEFT-RIGHT CONFLICT IN MUNICH SPD ORGANIZATION WAS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IN ELECTION OUTCOME. AT CSU ELECTION CELEBRATION EVENING MARCH 5, SECGEN TANDLER TOLD CONGEN HE SEES CSU VICTORY IN MUNICH AS FURTHER DYNAMIC CONTRIBUTION TO TREND WHICH WILL LEAD TO CHANGE IN POWER IN BONN IN 1980 BUNDESTAG ELECTIONS. BETTS

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